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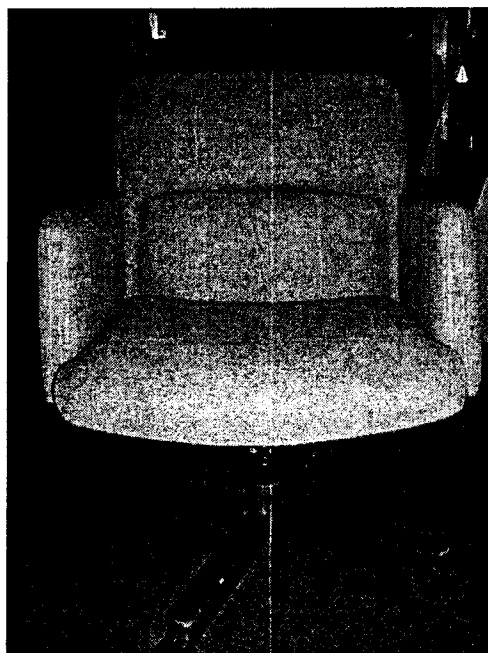
TO: All Facility Safety Heads
All Facility Coordinators

FROM: 429/Head, Safety and Facility Assurance Office, OSSEMA

SUBJECT: Chair Hazard

On June 22, 2004, a close call incident occurred, in which a conference room chair broke as an employee was sitting down, causing the employee to fall to the floor. Fortunately the employee did not sustain any injuries. An investigation determined that the base welds had failed. Inspection of similar chairs in the conference room resulted in five other chairs being removed; one due to cracks in the wooden base, and four due to obvious worn bearings that could result in the chair breaking.

No identifying manufacturer labels were present on any of the chairs. A photograph of the chair is provided to the right.



To prevent recurrence of this type of incident, please review your facility for any chairs similar to the one in the photograph and inspect/remove any defective chairs found.

Any questions should be directed to the Safety and Facility Assurance Office at extension 47233.

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